

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. An information processing apparatus comprising:
  - a first insertion/ejection portion in/from which a first recording medium can be inserted/ejected and which  
5 can at least read out digital information from the inserted first recording medium;
  - a second insertion/ejection portion in/from which a second recording medium can be inserted/ejected and which can read out and write digital information from and in the  
10 inserted second recording medium;
  - control means; and
  - an operating member which starts operation of reading out digital information from the first recording medium and writing the information in the second recording medium,
  - 15 wherein said first and second insertion/ejection portions are connected to be capable of transmitting/receiving digital information, and
  - said control means searches for digital information recorded on the first recording medium inserted in said  
20 first insertion/ejection portion in accordance with operation of said operating member, buffers date data of a file, of the found files, which is set at a predetermined rank, creates a new directory in the second recording medium inserted in said second insertion/ejection portion,  
25 writes the buffered date data as a creation date of the directory, and writes all the digital information recorded on the first recording medium into the newly created

directory.

2. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said information processing apparatus further  
comprises a connecting portion which can be connected to an  
5 external device,

said first insertion/ejection portion, said second  
insertion/ejection portion, and said connecting portion are  
connected such that digital information can be  
transmitted/received from one of said portions to another  
10 portion, and

said control means permits transmission/reception of  
digital information, through said connecting portion,  
between the external device and the first recording medium  
inserted in said first insertion/ejection portion and/or  
15 the second recording medium inserted in said second  
insertion/ejection portion when detecting that the external  
device is connected through said connecting portion, and  
inhibits transmission/reception of digital information  
through said connecting portion when not detecting that the  
20 external device is connected through said connecting  
portion.

3. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein when  
detecting that the external device is connected through  
said connecting portion, said control means reads out  
25 digital information from the first recording medium  
inserted in said first insertion/ejection portion and  
inhibiting a direct write in the second recording medium

inserted in said second insertion/ejection portion even if said operating portion is operated.

4. An information processing apparatus comprising:

5 a first insertion/ejection portion in/from which a first recording medium can be inserted/ejected and which can at least read out digital information from the inserted first recording medium;

10 a second insertion/ejection portion in/from which a second recording medium can be inserted/ejected and which can read out and write digital information from and in the inserted second recording medium;

a connecting portion which can be connected to an external device;

control means; and

15 an operating member which starts operation of reading out digital information from the first recording medium and writing the information in the second recording medium,

20 wherein said first insertion/ejection portion, said second insertion/ejection portion, and said connecting portion are connected such that digital information can be transmitted/received from one of said portions to another portion,

in accordance with operation of said operating member, while detecting that the external device is connected  
25 through said connecting portion, said control means permits the external device to read out digital information from the first recording medium inserted in said first

insertion/ejection portion and transfer the information to the external device and to write, in the second recording medium inserted in said second insertion/ejection portion, digital information transferred from the external device through said connecting portion, and the external device searches for digital information recorded on the first recording medium inserted in said first insertion/ejection portion, buffers date data of a file, of the found files, which is set at a predetermined rank, creates a new directory in the second recording medium inserted in said second insertion/ejection portion, writes the buffered date data as a creation date of the directory, and writes all the digital information recorded on the first recording medium into the newly created directory.

5. An apparatus according to claim 1 or 4, wherein a name of the new directory is created on the basis of the buffered date data.

6. An apparatus according to claim 1 or 4, wherein the file at the predetermined rank is a file found first by a search.

7. An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the search is performed for only a file with a specific extension.

8. An apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein said control means creates, in the second recording medium, a directory having a name including a creation date and/or a creation time of the recorded file,

and then transfers digital information recorded on the first recording medium to the directory.

9. An apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein said control means creates a name attached to a created directory in the second recording medium so as to indicate a directory creation order.

10. An apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein during writing of digital information in the second recording medium, even when detecting that said operating member is operated, said control means inhibits control based on the operation.

11. An apparatus according to any one of claims 2 and 3 and 5 to 10, wherein during writing of digital information in the second recording medium, even when detecting that the external device is connected through said connecting portion, said control means inhibits transmission/reception of digital information to/from the external device until digital information is completely written in the second recording medium.